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U.S. Application of:

For:

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PRINTER CONTROL DEVICE AND METHOD  
TO CONTROL PRINTERS IN NETWORK TO  
WHICH MULTIPLE PRINTERS ARE  
CONNECTED, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCT TO PERFORM SAID CONTROL

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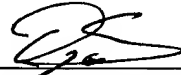
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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application (A) 7-152521 (CANON INC), published June 16, 1995;
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